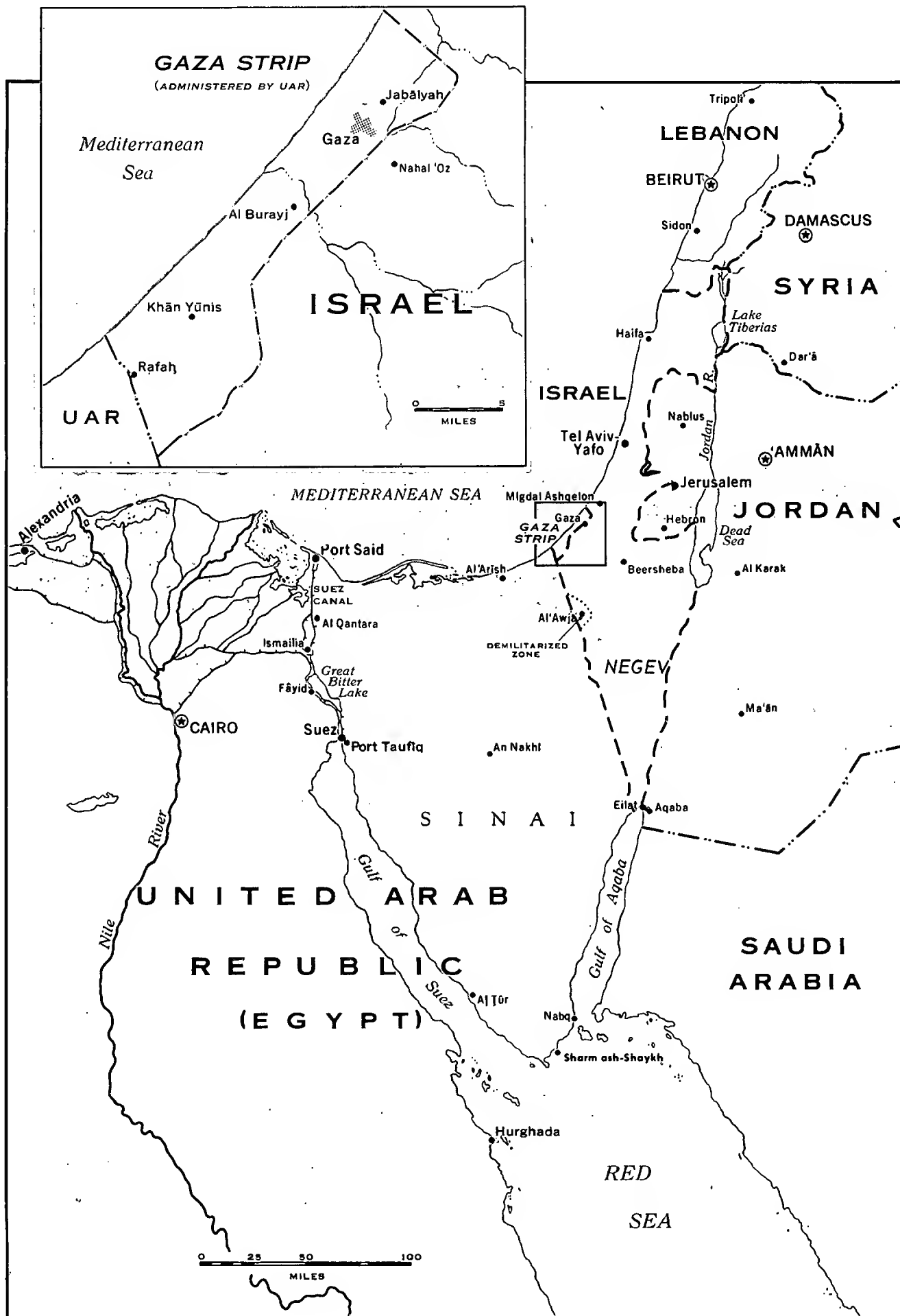


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LATE ITEM

Arab States -
Israel
(As of 5:30 AM EDT)

The Israelis have just announced (according to the press) that Egyptian armored forces have counterattacked "in force" in an effort to fight their way out of the Sinai Peninsula. This could refer to Egyptian troops trapped in the rapid Israeli advance.

DAILY BRIEF
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1. Arab States -
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(As of 5:00 AM EDT)

The UN's ceasefire order is being disregarded. Egypt has officially announced it will not comply, and Nasir has personally so informed most other Arab governments. The Israelis may have broken their ceasefire agreement with Jordan.

Early this morning the Jordanian prime minister told our embassy that Israeli tanks were moving into northwestern Jordan. The ultimate aim of such a movement might be to attack Syria. The embassy also says fighting on the Israeli-Jordanian front picked up during the night.

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On the Sinai Peninsula, the Israelis have apparently accomplished most of their military objectives. Yesterday the Israelis approached the Suez Canal so rapidly that they probably cut off the major portion of the retreating Egyptians.

Embassy Cairo believes that public realization of the Arab defeat has generated strong feeling against Nasir, and foreign diplomats in Cairo consider the Egyptians are in a state of panic over the military debacle.

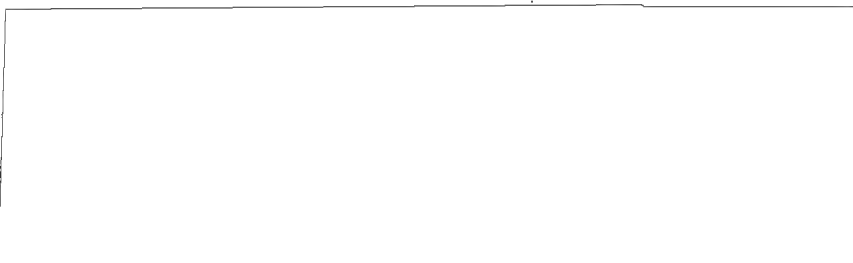
Mobs in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, have damaged US installations, and our consulate in Aleppo has been attacked and burned. As the extent of the defeat sinks into the Arab countries, danger to US citizens still there may increase. Refugees from the fighting in Jordan's West Bank are already streaming into Amman, where they could cause disorder directed at Americans.

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2. North Vietnam

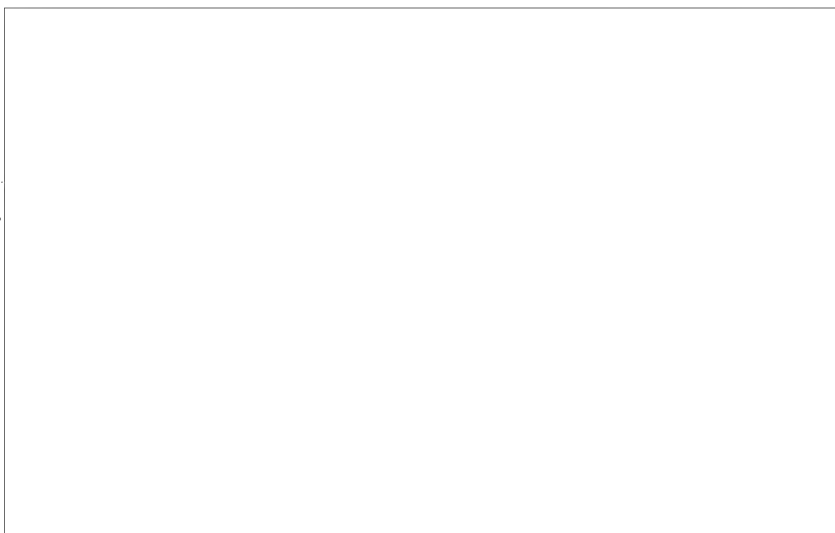
Shipping figures for May show a new monthly high for seaborne deliveries to North Vietnam--147,000 tons. Bulk foodstuffs accounted for nearly half, and petroleum for about a quarter.

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North Vietnamese exports were lower in May than at any time in the past two and a half years. This is primarily because of bomb damage to the Haiphong cement plant and coal facilities at Cam Pha.

3. Soviet Union



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4. Nigeria

The British, up to now relaxed about or even opposed to evacuating their citizens, are advising British women and children to leave the Eastern Region (or Biafra, as it is now calling itself). This reversal comes from the belief that chances of a Federal invasion are increasing.

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5. Thailand

Embassy Bangkok, in a recent assessment of Communist insurgent activity during April, suggests that the insurgents did make modest gains in several areas. King Phumiphon

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may paint a somewhat more alarming picture, however, when he comes to Washington.

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